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Puerto Rican Tells of a Role In Separate 'Plot' on Kennedy

The Kennedy assassination "plot" investigation being pursued in New Orleans was overshadowed, at least momentarily, by announcement by authorities in Manila yesterday that a 24-year-old Puerto Rican had confessed to joining with 15 other persons in a plot against the late President.

None of the New Orleans men cited by District Attorney Jim Garrison figured in this confession.

According to the Philippine National Bureau of Investigation (the equivalent of the FBI), Luis Angel Castillo has admitted, under the influence of truth serum, that he was in Dallas at the time of the assassination, was given a gun to shoot "a man in an open car," but was unable to carry out the order because a man named "Joe" had already succeeded.

Castillo's answers to newsmen's questions were vague and evasive. It was not clear who might have masterminded the plot.

Philippine authorities claim that Castillo, who is being held for illegal entry into the country, is a Cuban-trained agent sent to the Philippines to contact Communist Huk guerrillas there.

Rubber Strike

AKRON, Ohio — Bigger paychecks and a guaranteed annual wage appeared to be major stumbling blocks to settlement of a nationwide rubber strike which has idled 50,000 workers and cut off 50 per cent of the country's rubber production.

Spokesman for the auto and rubber industries said the walkout was not expected to affect car production for several weeks.

Struck are Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., B. F. Goodrich Co. and Uniroyal, Inc.

Probe Held Ignored

NEW YORK — Stars and Stripes, currently under congressional investigation on charges of censorship, was investigated in 1963 but the results were withheld by the Defense Department, a former staff member charged.

James M. Halbe, writing in the Overseas Press Club's annual magazine, said Pierre Salinger ordered the first investigation of the paper for U.S. servicemen while he was President Kennedy's press secretary. It was prompted by charges of censorship of racial news during the rioting in Birmingham, Ala.

Halbe said the Defense Department withheld the results after Mr. Kennedy's assassination and never released them.

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LUIS ANGEL CASTILLO
... claims plot role